

**Minutes of the GMM**  
**Richard III Society – American Branch**  
**November 2, 2024 4pm EST**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Troxell, Chair. There was the necessary number of Board members for a quorum; in attendance were:

Mary Miller	Wayne Ingalls	Deborah Kaback
Sally Keil	Carol Bell	Joan Szechtman

**Chairman's Report**

Susan reviewed the purpose of the Society and the goals of this meeting: to report to the members on the actions of the Board since the last GMM, to give members an opportunity to ask questions of the Board, to elect new members to the Board, to present the budget for the upcoming two years and to put forward a motion to increase dues.

Susan presented a slide showing 11 accomplishments of the American Branch since the last GMM. The American Branch should be particularly proud of the Edward IV Roll project to transcribe and translate the entire text of the Roll. Using Digital Mappa it will be uploaded to the Internet in early 2025. This effort will make the Roll accessible to all and promote and support Medieval Studies, one of the key elements in our Mission Statement.

Susan reviewed the history and activities of the Schallek Fund, administered for us by the Medieval Academy of America, and reported that some \$800,000 had been granted to scholars in support of their research since its inception, again in support of our Mission.

Susan reported on the 2023-2024 Financials. It was pointed out that our monies in the Vanguard Fund are for supporting the costs of Special Projects and not for standard operating expenses.

Susan reviewed our revenues vs expenses, especially discussing the impact on the American Branch of dues increases by the UK Society. She reported that for each of our members' remittance for an annual individual membership of \$60, \$52 goes to the UK. This net revenue of \$8 to the American Branch per member offsets our expenses per memb of \$19, leaving an annual loss of some \$11. So far the American Branch has gotten by with donations, but this cannot continue. There was discussion of the motion to increase dues. The motion to increase dues has been accepted by the Board and is now being presented to the membership for approval:

\$60 – digital only  
\$75 – individual  
\$80 – family  
\$100- Fotheringhay  
\$180 – Middleham  
\$300 – Bosworth  
\$500 – Plantagenet

The motion to increase dues as shown above was passed with 42 votes for, and 1 against.

It was pointed out that with the special 'named' membership levels the monies remitted in excess of the amount of an individual membership would be considered as a charitable donation.

Discussion followed on how the Society might save costs. It was stressed that it would be beneficial for the American Branch for members to sign up for the 'digital only' membership. Other cost saving ideas included finding a pro bono CPA, have all family members switch to individual, and take a look at 'TapRoot' for finding inexpensive services and products.

Susan discussed the new policies on gifts and our 'Code of Conduct and Safekeeping' policy. All these policies are on our website.

Wayne Ingalls reported that our total number of members since the last GMM has increased from 325 to 525. Wayne read off the names of our newest member and oldest member.

**Votes**

The following votes were taken:

To accept the Minutes from the prior GMM – 45 in favor

To accept the 2025-2026 budget as presented – 45 in favor , 0 against

To accept the motion to increase dues – 42 in favor, 1 against.

To accept the election of Officers: the current slate will remain in office with one exception: Sally Keil will end her term as Secretary and Liz Bateman will take over that role - 41 in favor

An open discussion and Q & A followed.

This GMM ended with the request for suggestions for the location of the next GMM in 2026.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Keil  
Secretary